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ORIGIN

1. Nicolae Profiri, Minister of Communications in the present Rumanian Cabinet, was born in Iasi in 1894.
2. As a protege of Mihail Ghelmegeanu, then Minister of Communications, Profiri became Director General of Highways and Roads, from 1938 to 1939. Later, he was appointed Inspector General and Controller of the Ministry of Public Works.
3. He is said to have favored the Axis alliance and to have carried on political and economic activity for the Nazi government which won him, in 1943, the decoration of the German Eagle, presented to him by von Killinger, the German Ambassador to Rumania. Profiri had interests in the Darubau and Puricelli companies, the latter described as a "fascist" firm. He was instrumental in purging Jewish engineers from the Agir company.
4. Immediately after the coup d'etat of 23 August 1944, he joined the Communist Party. In January 1945 he was made a member of the purge committee at the Polytechnical School where he was a professor.
5. Signed articles were written by him for the Communist newspaper "Scantela," demanding the elimination of fascists from public life.

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